IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are presented as follows:

 (Previously Presented) A method for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, the method comprising: receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;

initiating a service origination process from the source communication device; transmitting a response to the floor-control request; and

delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device.

- 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further including caching the floor-control response before the transmitting.
- 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
- 4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse access channel.
- 5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.
- 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein receiving the floor-control request is in short data burst form.
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- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising at least one instruction, which, when executed by a machine, causes the machine to perform operations, the instructions comprising:
- a set of the instructions to receive a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;
- a set of the instructions to initiate a service origination process from the source communication device;
- a set of the-instructions to transmit a response to the floor-control request; and a set of the-instructions to delay a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device.
 - 19. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising a set of instructions to cache the floor-control response before the set of the instructions to transmit.
 - 20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein the set of instructions to receive includes <u>instructions</u> to receive the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
 - 21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the set of instructions to receive includes <u>instructions</u> to receive the floor-control request on a

reverse access channel.

- 22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the set of instructions to receive includes <u>instructions</u> to receive the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the set of instructions to receive includes <u>instructions</u> to receive the floor-control request in short data burst form.
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- 34. (Canceled)
- 35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, comprising: means for receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;

means for initiating a service origination process from the source communication device; means for transmitting a response to the floor-control request; and

means for delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device.

- 36. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 35, further including means for caching the floor-control response before the transmitting.
- 37. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
- 38. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request on a reverse access channel.
- 39. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.
- 40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request in short data burst form.
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- 51. (Canceled)
- 52. (Previously presented) An apparatus for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, comprising: a receiver capable to receive a floor-control request for initiating a group call and a service origination process from a source communication device;
- a transmitter capable to transmit a response to the floor-control request; and a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable to avoid simultaneous service origination and paging in a group communication network, wherein the processor is configured to not respond immediately to the floor-control request.
 - 53. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 52, the processor further being capable of to cache the floor-control response before the transmitting.
 - 54. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 52, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
 - 55. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request on a reverse access channel.
 - 56. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.
 - 57. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request in short data burst form.
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70. (Currently Amended) A method for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, the method comprising: receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;

initiating a service origination process from the source communication device; transmitting a response to the floor-control request;

delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device; and

not issuing a service origination request until after a talker mobile station has received a response to the floor-control request.

- 71. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further including transmitting a response after the service origination process is complete.
- 72. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising a set of instructions to transmit a response after the service origination process is complete.
- 73. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 35, further including means for

transmitting a response after the service origination process is complete.

- 74. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 52, wherein the transmitter is further capable to transmit a response to the floor-control request after the service origination process is complete.
- 75. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, further including transmitting a response after the service origination process is complete.
- 76. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, further including caching the floor-control response before the transmitting.
- 77. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
- 78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the floor-control request is on a reverse access channel.
- 79. (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the floor-control request is on a reverse enhanced access channel.
- 80. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, further including receiving a floor-control request and a service origination request bundled in an access channel capsule from the source communication device in the group communication network.
- 81. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 80, wherein the bundle has application data with CDMA signaling data.
- 82. (Previously presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the bundle is in short data burst form.
- 83-109. Canceled.

110. (New) A computer-readable medium embodying a method for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;

initiating a service origination process from the source communication device; transmitting a response to the floor-control request; and

delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device.